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SUBJECT: SPACE ART: VISIT OF ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG

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1. SPACE ART SHOW OPENING IN LENINGRAD NOVEMBER 3 FOR SHOWING TILL END OF MONTH. (SEPTTEL ON EXHIBIT'S SHOWINGS TO DATE FOLLOWS.)
 2. ARTISTS UNION ASKS WHETHER RAUSCHENBERG CAN ATTEND OPENING AND REMAIN AS THEIR GUEST.
 3. VISIT WOULD COINCIDE WITH LONG NOVEMBER 7 WEEKEND, BUT UNION INSISTS APPOINTMENTS POSSIBLE THROUGH WEEKEND IF RAUSCHENBERG WOULD WISH THEM.
 4. THOUGH UNION PREFERS RAUSCHENBERG VISIT FOR THE OPENING, OR SOON AFTER IT (AS WAS CASE WITH JAMIE WYETH'S VISIT IN JULY), THEY WOULD BE ABLE SCHEDULE HIM AT A LATER TIME.
 5. WHENEVER RAUSCHENBERG COMES AS THE UNION'S GUEST, THEY WOULD EXPECT ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS TO BE OFFERED HOSPITALITY IN THE USA FOR EXACTLY THE SAME NUMBER OF DAYS, PREFERABLY WHILE THE SOVIET SPACE ART SHOW TOURS THE USA NEXT YEAR.
 6. ALSO DURING THIS TOUR, THE UNION PLANS TO SEND ONE OF ITS MEMBERS FOR PERIOD EQUALLING WYETH'S VIIST.
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